

Scuffle, Obscenities In CIA Protest

A scuffle with police and a barrage of obscenities marked the second day of protests against a Central Intelligence (CIA) recruiter interviewing Wednesday in a barracks behind Gilmore Hall.

Ross J. Peterson, 31, Des Moines, who was part of a picket line outside the barracks, said he called one of the police officials who was watching the entrance to the barracks a "bastard." He was then grabbed by police officials and hauled inside the barracks.

A wave of obscenities arose from the student picketers when Peterson was hauled inside.

Peterson claimed he was hit in the mouth by one of the police officials when they hauled him inside.

The four police officials, who refused to identify themselves, said they only pulled Peterson inside to get his name.

Will Be Reported

The officials said they would report Ross to the Office of Student Affairs for his use of obscene language.

In a second incident a sign was grabbed from one of the protesters by police officials and taken inside. Another wave of protests arose from the students.

The protesters, who staged a sit-in Tuesday, changed their strategy Wednesday and picketed outside the barracks. They carried signs which read: "CIA Get Out," "CIA Go Home" and "CIA is an Affront to the Free Flow of Ideas."

Charles Pecinovsky, a recruiter for the CIA, began conducting job interviews in the barracks. The protesters disrupted the interviews and forced Pecinovsky across the street to the Business and Industrial Placement Office. Campus police were called to escort interviewees past the demonstrators.

Back To Barracks

Wednesday Pecinovsky moved back across the street to the barracks to conduct the interviews. The protesters followed and set up a picket line outside the building.

Bruce Clark, 31, Des Moines, president of Students for Democratic Society, said the group was protesting the CIA because it was a secret and dictatorial agency that allowed no say to the people.

"This is against the spirit of the free flow of ideas of the American university," said Clark. "We wouldn't mind if the CIA were interviewing downtown somewhere."

While the march was going on someone yelled at Clark and asked if he had given up on the use of physical force to block the interviewees.

Clark replied, "I guess that we have to because they said they would send the cops if we did."

The protesters also distributed copies of a letter sent to Pres. Howard Bowen protesting the presence of the CIA.

During the demonstration an Iowa City bus driver drove by and yelled out the window, "Hey, protect my rights."

Obscenities were also yelled from passing autos.

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